

# HOW·NI·KAN

## PEOPLE OF THE FIRE



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## Business Committee approves burial insurance fund

Tribal members may soon be able to receive help with burial expenses from the tribe as the result of a resolution approved at a recent meeting of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Business Committee.

But, although the Burial Insurance Fund has been approved, it may take some time to make it operational. The resolution specifies that tribal members must be on a burial insurance register which will be maintained by Tribal Rolls. That register, which will consist of the current name, address and Social Security number of the tribal member, must include 75 percent of the total enrolled tribal members before the plan can go into effect.

All tribal members, regardless of whether their enrollment information is

up to date, must enroll individually to be eligible for the burial insurance fund. Notification of that requirement is a concern to tribal leaders, since computer records of more than 9,000 tribal members are incomplete.

Tribal officials are beginning, with this issue of the HowNiKan, a massive effort to contact those people so the program can be implemented as soon as possible. Tribal members are urged to make sure each person in their family sends in a form.

The burial plan has been a goal of tribal leaders for decades and is the first of several new benefits planned by the current administration. "Plans for a benefits package for all tribal members including the newly approved burial insurance fund have been in the plan-

ning stages by the Business Committee for over a year," said Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett Jr.

"The idea of the burial fund for the Potawatomi Tribe dates back over 20 years when it was first proposed by the Business Committee under Chairman Paul Schmidtkofer in 1973," Barrett said. "That Business Committee consulted with Bureau of Indian Affairs about the use of tribal trust funds for such a policy. Since the burial fund concept had not been proposed as apart of the "set aside plan of action" as required by the Indian Claims Commission and the BIA, we were not able to do that.

Barrett said the concept was again proposed in 1984 "when I was tribal administrator and Leon Bruno, Doyle

Owens, Kenneth Peltier, C.B. Hitt and Max Wano were the Business Committee. We met with Globe Life Insurance Co. and Torchmark Corporation, a large insurance holding company in Oklahoma City, and discussed their furnishing the burial insurance with premiums to be paid from tribal revenues. Their rates exceeded the tribe's revenues at that time.

But that wasn't the end of the dream. Barrett said the current Business Committee began polling the regional councils in 1990 about what services members would like to see provided. "The burial fund was one of five priorities set during the polling of 1991-92 and is the first one that will be implemented," he said, cautioning that

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### *Away with the old*

What used to be the First Oklahoma Bank building is just a pile of rubble in this photograph, taken soon after bank employees moved into their beautiful new quarters, seen behind the clean-up of the former building. With the old building out of the way, parking lot and driveway work will be completed. A grand opening has been postponed until after the first of the year.

### *Language program needs your help*

Dear Fellow Tribal Members:

Recently the Business Committee appointed me Language Liaison by resolution. This is an honor and I will be all that is within me to fulfill this undertaking. I pray you will understand your importance in this endeavor. It's a big responsibility that belongs to us all corporately.

We are a large tribe with many opinions and the capacity to show our egos at times. I'm no different, so I will ask you all to undertake a journey of language gathering and future learning opportunities and achievable goals.

Cultural stories, language curriculum, stories containing our language, proven methods that we employ, prayer books with the language, hymns used by our people, tradition that helps us understand the depth of our use of a language — there are many things we must do in the beginning, so please help out unselfishly.

I have been working toward this

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# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Grant will add homeless shelter to church renovation project

A federal grant to the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe will allow a homeless shelter to be added to a renovation project already underway.

Congressman Bill K. Brewster announced Dec. 14 that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$75,595.95 to the Citizen Band Potawatomi in the form of a HUD Emergency Shelter Program grant.

The grant will be used to improve the quality of existing emergency shelters for the homeless, make available additional emergency shelters, and meet the cost of operating emergency shelters, according to the release from Brewster's office. The grant will also provide essential social services to homeless individuals, and help prevent homelessness. "I'm pleased the the people at HUD have recognized the housing needs of the Indian and non-Indian community of Pottawatomie County," Brewster said in making the announcement.

Congressman Brewster's

office assisted the Citizen Band at several stages of the grant application and approval process. Brewster said the grant would be funded in the near future, contingent upon submission of final administrative paperwork requirements.

Tribal administrator J.D. Colbert said the money will be used to add a wing to the former Maranatha Baptist Church building, which the tribe recently purchased and is converting for use a substance abuse center. The building will house the Native American

Center Of Recovery (NACOR), an intertribal program currently located in the former Lupton Paint building on Gordon Cooper Drive just south of the Canadian River bridge in Shawnee.

Another federal grant of \$40,000 is being used for the renovation of the existing building, expected to be completed in March. The latest grant will allow the project to be expanded to include a wing to be used a shelter, with both programs sharing kitchen and dining facilities, Colbert said.

## Jo Ann Johnson promoted at BancFirst in Konawa

The appointment of Potawatomi tribal member Jo Ann Johnson to Loan Officer at BancFirst was recently announced by Tom Farus, president of the Konawa branch.

Johnson has been an employee of BancFirst since 1981.

She is a graduate of Asher High School, and has taken

college work at St. Gregory's College in Shawnee and at Seminole Junior College in Seminole.

Johnson has attended extensive banking classes, including a recent OBA school in Installment Lending. She has held many positions at BancFirst and has recently been loan secretary and loan administration supervisor.

She and her husband, Mickey Johnson, have two children, LaDawna, a sophomore at Konawa High School, and Jody, a sixth grader at Konawa Elementary. She and her family are lifelong residents of the Konawa area.

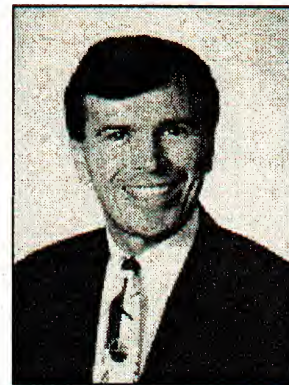
In announcing her promotion, Farus indicated his pride in being able to promote from within the BancFirst organization.

He indicated that it's great to acknowledge advancement at the local level.

Johnson is a descendant of the Nona and Curley families. She served on the Grievance Committee from 1990 to 1994.

### HowNiKAN DONATIONS

Dr. and Mrs. W.B. Simecka, NV - \$15  
Mr. and Mrs. Nevels B. Vandagriff, OK - \$25  
MSGT Michael L. Moore and Joyce Moors, APO - \$10  
Glenn E. Cherry - TX - \$10  
David or Doris N. Schenandoah, FL - \$20



## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

By J.D. Colbert

Elsewhere in the pages of this issue you may have read about the burial assistance program that was recently adopted by the business committee of the tribe. Once in place, this program will offer \$1,000 to assist in meeting the burial and funeral expenses related to enrolled tribal members who have passed away. We are most pleased to be able to offer this benefit and look forward to its implementation.

In that regard, it would be especially helpful if each and every enrolled tribal member would take just a few minutes to completed the form at the bottom of page 3. This information is critical to updating our enrollment records and to allowing us to begin the burial assistance program. There are many tribal members who have moved over the years and for whom our records do not reflect an accurate or current address.

In addition, our records do not contain a social security number for a substantial percentage of tribal members. Updated addresses and accurate social security numbers are essential not only to allow your tribal government to communicate with you but also in the delivery of various services. Remember, we cannot begin the burial assistance program until we have updated addresses and accurate social security numbers on 75 percent of our tribal membership.

Once implemented, the burial assistance program will further augment the array of health and social service programs that are available to enrolled tribal members. These are services added over the years at the direction of your elected tribal leadership in response to the identified needs of the tribe. These programs have not only been successfully managed but they have grown and been expanded over time in an effort to better serve you.

Your tribal leadership, however, recognizes that even this portfolio of successfully managed programs does not fully address all of the needs of a diverse tribe such as the Citizen Band Potawatomi. More must be done. In particular, there is a strong desire among the tribal membership — both at home in the Shawnee area and across the country — for additional health services and in the area of cultural preservation/language retention. I am pleased to be able to say that efforts are currently under way to address both of these important matters.

During the month of January, 1995, the tribe will begin a process to establish a self-governance compact with the Indian Health Service. This is a lengthy and very involved effort and we are not guaranteed that we will be granted a compact. However, despite the uncertainty, we believe it to be a worthy undertaking. At base, a compact will allow the tribe to contract IHS funding and deliver a range of health care services predicated upon the identified health needs of our tribal membership. Accordingly, we anticipate that much of 1995 will be given over to ascertaining and prioritizing those needs with opportunities for direct tribal input.

In addition to the above, at the last quarterly business committee meeting, Mr. Norman Kiker, JTPA Director and tribal chaplain, was directed to begin collecting and assembling various documents and resources so as to ultimately establish a Potawatomi language instruction program. Norman has already spoken with a number of individuals who are knowledgeable as to our language and who are willing to assist in this effort.

## 'We must not simply speak Potawatomi or sing it ...

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for years now and have discussed traditional matters, cultural matters and language with our leadership. These are all inseparable and we must not simply speak Potawatomi or sing it without first of all being interested enough to learn again to feel it, in the depth and emotion it incorporates and the history it so dearly has clung to these past centuries, so I hope you can see my feelings about this.

As a spiritual leader I respectfully ask you all to assist in the location of individuals who still hold us in their hearts, people of other bands who show an open heart and who will spend the time to understand our sincerity.

I ask that you let me know who they are and where we can contact them and possibly visit them. If they are traditional people, please show your proper respect in your contact with them, I'm sure they will appreciate it. Keep in mind that we didn't get where we are overnight and regaining valuable understanding isn't an overnight process.

Please contact either myself or Bobbi Haney at the Tribal office, 1-800-880-9880 or write to the Tribal office in C/O Chaplain Norman Kiker. If at all possible submit materials in typed form; when that isn't possible send it on. Copies would be great if they are legible.

Megwetch for your help,

Norman Kiker



# ENROLL TODAY!

## in the tribe's new Burial Insurance Fund

The Burial Insurance Fund recently approved by the Citizen Band Potawatomi Business Committee cannot go into effect until at least 75 percent of all enrolled tribal members have signed up for the program by returning the form below (please the story on page 1, administrator J.D. Colbert's column on page 2 and the text of the resolution printed below for details). **EACH TRIBAL MEMBER MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THESE FORMS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE BURIAL INSURANCE FUND.** Please see that each member of your family has completed a form and returned it to the tribe. Please feel free to make copies of the form below for that purpose. **Remember — at least 75 percent of all tribal members must have forms on file before the program can begin!**

*This list contains names of older tribal members for whom the tribe has incomplete information. Please check to see if you or a family member is on this list:*

Adams, Lewis Bourassa	Benson, Virginia F.	Brophy, Mary Mildred	Nathan	George, Lloyd David	Hollingsworth, Daniel L.	Kirkland, Francis, SR.
Alford, Ophelia Louise	Bergeron, John	Brown, Alma Lee	Cherry, Evelyn	Gibson, Elizabeth Ruth	Hollingsworth, James C.	Klotz, Mary Marjori
Allen, Margaret Ann	Berkey, Donald Dean	Brown, Bernita	Childers, Hazel Louise	Goodell, Carry M.	Holloway, Bill	Knowles, Mozelle C.
Allen, Marion Madeline	Berkey, Lyda Ann	Brunin, Lucille Marie Agnes	Chrest, Florence Juanita	Goodell, Edward C.	Holloway, George Carter	Koenig, Marie
Allen, Russell	Berry, Margaret Betty	Bruno, August James	Clark, Bernice Ardell	Goofrey, Agnes Mae	Holloway, James S.	Konechney, Celestine
Alsop, Ethleen V.	Bertrand, Clinton	Bruno, Sam	Clark, Jean	Gorrell, Bertha Irene	Holloway, Oleta Catherine	Lairson, Ethel L.
Anderson, Arthur John	Bess, Fayette	Bryant, Margaret Mary	Clawson, Ruby M.	Graef, Mercedes A.	Holloway, Thomas Linz	Lambert, Bessie J.
Anderson, Earl W.	Beuchaw, Frances	Buchanan, Isabelle	Clinton, Catherine Veronica	Greemore Francis	Holt, James Dee	Lamirand, David A.
Anderson, Edna Ellen	Billingsley, Anna	Buck, Dorothea Fern	Cobb, Virginia M.	Green, Adeline Syulvia	Hopkins, Agnes C.	Lane, Elton J.
Antonucci, Evelyn Janet	Genteliska	Burch, John M.	Coder, Ralph, JR.	Green, Ella Mae	Hopkins, Carole Tarrance	Lareau, Charles G.
Apel, Grace C.	Binney, Gerald Dean	Burdett, Elizabeth Leven	Coder, Robert Ray	Green, Irene Winzola	Houston, Hilda L.	Lartz, Mary K.
Applegate, MaryEllen	Blevins, Edna G.	Burnett, Glenn Allen	Cole, Catherine Mae	Green, Martha Louise	Howell Leland A.	Latham, Loretta E.
Archer, Duane	Bodine, Bernice	Burrow, Goldie Cleo	Comadoll, Annie M.	Gregson, Clyde K.	Howell, Neda M.	Lay, Dixie M.
Armstrong, Goldie M.	Bodine, John Russell	Bush, Maxine Mildred	Comer, Mary L.	Gregson, Glen A.	Hughes, Genevieve M.	Layman, John F.
Arrasmith, James Nathaniel	Bogle, Lucille	Butcher, Alta V.	Coombe, Stella May	Grider, Marjorie A.	Huhs, Madeline E.	Layman, Lewis A.
Arrasmith, Joe Johnson	Bohannon, Wilford E.	Butler, Rose Marie	Cooper, Robert Morrison	Grimmett, Jack Louis SR.	Hull, Curtis Lee	LeClaire, Alfred
Atchley, Sarah E.	Bohanon, Aline	Byler, Marie E.	Corbell, Doris Ophelia	Grimmett, Robert P.	Hunter, Geneva M	Lee, Loretta
Atman, Dorene Jenice	Bostic, Everett George	Cadue, Gilbert Thomas	Cornett, Hilda Marie	Grout, Gladys Marsee	Hutton, Isabelle	Lent, Grace E.
Avery, Velma Ellen	Bourassa, Raymond A.	Cameron, Lillian Ruth	Cordelia	Haas, Reuben Paul	Hutton, Paul E.	Lewis, Donald Bernard
Bagwill, Gloria	Bourbonnais, Carroll	Campbell, Maudie Jean	Cosheke, Josephine	Hales, Violet L.	Ice, William Anthony	Lewis, Liberty Lucille
Bailey, Edna Lorene	Shaubaunia	Lavena	Coulter, Gertrude C.	Hamilton, Lula Kathleen	Ille, Berenice G.	Lewis, Lorraine Madeline
Bailey, Myrtle M.	Boursaw, Louis Lee	Campbell, Violet Pearl	Covington, Margaret E.	Hamlin, Elizabeth	Jackson, Blanche Lois	Lincoln, Laura L.
Baird, Olive Clare	Boursaw, Lyman Eugene	Canada, Cora Adeline	Cox, Viola	Hampton, Thelma Louise	Jackson, Lena G.	Lisenby, Dolores F.
Baker, Florene	Boyd, Elizabeth Idella	Cape, Aurelia B.	Cox, Wanda M.	Hankinson, Stella E.	Jacobs, Bertha W E.	Littleton, June
Barich, Helen G.	Boyd, Hazel Pearl	Cargill, Alva Cornelius	Craig, Alma	Harding, Ellen	James, Clara J.	Logan, Lorene M.
Barrett, James Thomas	Bradley, Leonard Ross	Carman, Margaret Agnes	Craig, Wayeman Cephas	Harms, Lorene C.	Jeffrey, Jessie Bell	Long, Fannie E.
Barrett, Robert William	Bradley, Nealy Allene	Carr, Flo Lillian	Cranfill, Hazel Bernice	Harridge, Carl A.	Jennings, Wanda B.	Looper, Wilda V.
Barry, Gladys Marie	Brant, Vera Margurette	Carrol, Teresa	Cross, Evelyn	Harridge, Mildred E.	Johnson, Bonnie Edith	Lovell, Lorene
Baxter, Claude	Brasher, Greta Christine	Carter, Daphne Clarissia	Cross, Maggie	Harridge, Raymond G.	Johnson, James J.	Lynn, Thomas Lester
Baxter, Dorothy M.	Brice, Elmer Clem	Carter, W. X.	Crowley, Hazel J.	Harris, Della	Johnson, Lucille Mae	Mabry, Philip Leslie
Bayless, Ramona	Brice, Emmett Le Roy	Cartmill, Lucille Benita	Crumbo, Daniel	Heavener, Elvina M.	Johnson, William L.	Macon, Eugene
Bazhaw, Elbert L.	Britton, Clara Eva	Chayer, Geraldine	Curtis, Clara Martha	Hedges, Agnes Luella	Jolley, Delia May	Maddie, Raymond E.
Bazhaw, Willis O.	Broadmeadow, Rhoda Mae	Cheatwood, Earnest	Curtis, Maple I.	Heer, Grace A.	Jones, Thomas Earl	MaGee, Doris Ellen
Benedict, Gwenn M.			Dahneke, Hazel Ellen	Hembree, Fern Sarah	Justus, Gladys Bell	Mahaffey, Mary B.
			Dailey, Marwood Cecil	Henry, Edna Frances	Kahdot, Isaac	Malone, Marguerite
			Darnell, Richard C.	Henslee, Faybelle	Keltner, Grace E.	Mangold, Maxine M.
			Davis, Alice W.	Hensley, Margaret	Kemp, Robert Charles	Manship, Flora Esther
			Davis, Emma Marguerite	Herlong, Agnes Mae	Kennedy, Cecelia A.	Mars, Amos A., JR.
			Dean, Charles WM.	Hey, Kenneth J.	Kennedy, Frank O.	Mars, Clyde F.
			Dean, Lester George	Higbee, Arthur H.	Kennedy, Paul Lowell	Marsee, Anna M.
			Dees, Fern G.	Higbee, Clara	Kennedye, Criston	Marshall, Leora Pearl
			DeGraff, Paul Vincent	Higbee, Clement L.B.	Meredethe	Marshall, James Irvin
			Degruff, Anna Marie	Higbee, Irving Swain, Jr.	Ketterman, Lillian M.	Martin, James Irvin
			Dela Cuesta, Margaret	Higbee, Verle P.	Kickingbird, Susie	Maynard, Wilma J.
			Denison, James Merritt	Higbee, Wendell B.	Kime, Hershel Lee	McBee, Alice M.
			Detlefsen, Denerise	Hinesley, Shirley Donus	Kinslow, Clyde Leroy	McClain, Bessie
			Devader, Edna Francis	Hinton, Evelyn Helen	Kirk, Ida Edith	McCleskey, Thelma
			Dike, Delbert	Hodges, Olline	Kirk, Leo Kenneth	McClure Edna Gladys
			Dike, Reason Thomas			McCollum, Samuel
			Dilley, Lavone Colleen			
			Dister, Lola Muriel			
			Dodd, Marjorie			
			Dossey, Vera			
			Downing, Avis			
			Dragoo, Verna Dane			
			Dunham, Ruth Loraine			
			Eddy, Marguerite			
			Edmondson, Hester N.			
			Edwards, Cletius T.			
			Edwards, Marie			
			Eisenberger, Pauline			
			Emert, Pansy Eulene			
			Farrington, Minnie Irene			
			Farris, Jessie Mae			
			Ferri, Katie			
			Fincher, Eleanor E.			
			Finley, Elizabeth			
			Finney, Edith Fay			
			Fitzgerald, Marie Gilberta			
			Anasta			
			Fletcher, Emma A Dandy			
			Flores, Helena Agnes			
			Foresman, Juanita Ruth			
			Foudray, Medora Alice			
			Francœur, Leonie			
			Frapp, WM Thomas			
			Fray, Earl Franklin			
			Frey, Blanche			
			Fuerborn, Hilda L.			
			Galindo, Virginia Bernice			
			Gann, Geraldine Patricia			
			Garner, Laura Janette			
			Garrison, Marie Irene			

### RESOLUTION POT#95-23 CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA A RESOLUTION CREATING THE CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA BURIAL INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Tribe of American Indians with constitutional authority under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and the Thomas-Rogers Act of 1936; and  
WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, the largest of the Potawatomi Indian tribes, has, through a continuation of Potawatomi history and organized self government since time immemorial, sovereign powers inherent in tribal tradition and recognized by treaties with the United States and in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma Constitution and By-Laws provide that the Business Committee of the Tribe shall be granted the power to act on behalf of the tribe in all matters except those relating to claims or treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian tribe of Oklahoma wishes to alleviate the financial burden of its members and their families who pass out of this life by creating a Burial Insurance Fund; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that funeral expenses for enrolled tribal members in the amount of \$1,000.00 shall be made payable to the funeral parlor, undertaker and or burial service provider in the name of the deceased to be used to defray burial expenses. All members will be covered except those on active duty with the United States Military Forces. Tribal members must have enrolled in the burial insurance register to be maintained by the Director of Tribal Rolls. The enrollment must contain current name, address and Social Security number. Claimant acting for the deceased must provide a death certificate signed by the official of the reservation, state, county or municipality of the place of death or physician in attendance at the time of death. Upon receipt of the aforementioned information, the tribe shall emit a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the above mentioned entities with the appropriate provisions of probate taken. Payments under the fund will be appropriated from the general fund of the tribe and may be invested prior to payment for use of insurance payments for the benefit of the tribe. This fund will become effective January 1, 1995, for all enrolled tribal members deceased after that date or at the time of receipt of enrollment information of 75% of the enrolled members of the tribe.

#### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned members of the Business Committee of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of Resolution POT#95-23, as approved on the 28th of November, 1994, with 4 voting for, 0 voting against and 1 absent.

John A. Barrett Jr.  
Chairman

Bob Davis  
Secretary/Treasurer

## BURIAL INSURANCE FUND ENROLLMENT FORM

This form must be completed and returned to the tribe to be eligible for burial insurance payment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include Maiden) (Please Print)

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Send To: Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians Of Oklahoma,  
1901 Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawee, OK 74801



# It's The BABES & Duncan Show!

## Tribe's substance abuse prevention program goes on the road

By Gloria Trotter

"Hi, Babes!"

"It's the Duncan lady!"

They may not be as famous as Barney or Big Bird, but when Shirl Hubert and Dee Lopez go to the mall, they are almost always heard those greetings, shouted by little people whose names they don't know. But they always wave and smile.

Hubert and Lopez are Pottawatomie County — and Potawatomi Tribe — personalities because of their jobs. Both work with the tribe's Substance Abuse Prevention Program as coordinators, Lopez with grades kindergarten through third, and Hubert with grades four through six. The program is one of several operating under the Health Services umbrella, directed by Joyce Abel.

While the two women work with different age groups, their programs and goals are very similar. The goals are clearly stated and posted on the wall near their desks:

- To inform the students of the facts not currently widespread in the culture,

- To help the student recognize and understand the affective domain of substance and abuse,

- To make the students an informed consumer of helping resources, and

- To help the student formulate healthy, responsible values and attitudes related to substance abuse.

Lopez' program is called BABES, which is why kids call her that when they see her at the

mall or anywhere else. BABES stands for Beginning Alcohol & Addiction Basic Education Studies, a lot of big words that are translated to small children with the use of colorful puppets, videos, posters, games and work sheets.

"I also use songs and sign language," said Lopez. The kids respond wonderfully to the seven-week, three-day-a-week sessions — so well, in fact, that "the teachers say the kids can't wait for me to get there." She is currently working in five Pottawatomie County schools, and will travel to different schools next year.

"We concentrate on the rural schools since they don't have the resources the larger schools have," pointed out Abel. She added that the Bethel school system (just outside Shawnee) was so happy with the program, which is funded by Indian Health Service, that they incorporated it into their curriculum and had their own teachers certified to teach it.

Not only does the BABES program help small children with their self-images, decision making, coping skills and awareness of substance abuse, it opens the door for them to seek help.

"I have a lot of students who come up to me and talk about problems in their personal life," said Lopez. "Sometimes the school counse-

lors know about them, and sometimes they just need someone to listen." Lopez is quick to let the school know about those problems, and to make referrals to the principal, Indian Child Welfare, the Dept. of Human Services or whatever is appropriate. She estimates she makes about 10 such referrals each year.

"When you're using age appropriate program, a lot of different things can come out," noted Abel, adding that "the younger we can get to the children and teach them about self-esteem, values, etc., the better."

Hubert's program is also operating in five schools



*Dee Lopez*

Lopez, in her fourth year as a tribal employee, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from California Baptist College. A Creek, she grew up in Oklahoma. Her husband Bob is the education minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Shawnee and is starting his own business in computer aided drafting. They have four teenagers: Shrea, 18, a student at Seminole Junior College; Vincent, 17; Robert, 15; and Lisa, 13. The three youngest attend Shawnee schools. Lopez is the librarian for her church and fourth and fifth grade Sunday school teacher. She is currently attending Oklahoma Baptist University, working on a second degree in library science. She enjoys shopping and arts and crafts.

currently, although they are different schools. To reach the older children, she uses a program called "Duncan." Duncan is a cartoon character with a cast of culturally diverse friends — one with glasses, another who's a Native American, skinny and chubby ones, a kid with braces and so forth.

"I use a lot of hands-on activities," said Hubert. "I use balloons to talk about how different drugs affect people differently, for instance. We all blow up our balloons at the same time and place, but when we let them go, they go in every different direction and

different distances." At this age, she said, kids don't want to color or sing — or at least, they don't want their friends to know they enjoy such childish activities.

"Sometimes I even talk about fetal alcohol syndrome," Hubert said, "with the permission of the teachers. They have told me they have sexually active sixth graders ..." She said she also tries to work in information about inhalant abuse, although sometimes teachers object to that on the grounds it might plant an idea in a kid's head.

She too makes numerous referrals, a half a dozen or so

each session at each school. "At this age, kids are experimenting, and the teachers see patterns," she said.

"Most of those kids are kids of parents who are substance abusers ... I see a lot of them who are hungry and dirty — we sent a lot to the Salvation Army. And I try to work some personal hygiene instruction in."

Hubert and Lopez also conduct a summer prevention program for kids, with includes

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## Abuse prevention works best when whole family is involved

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field trips to such places as the children's museum in Seminole.

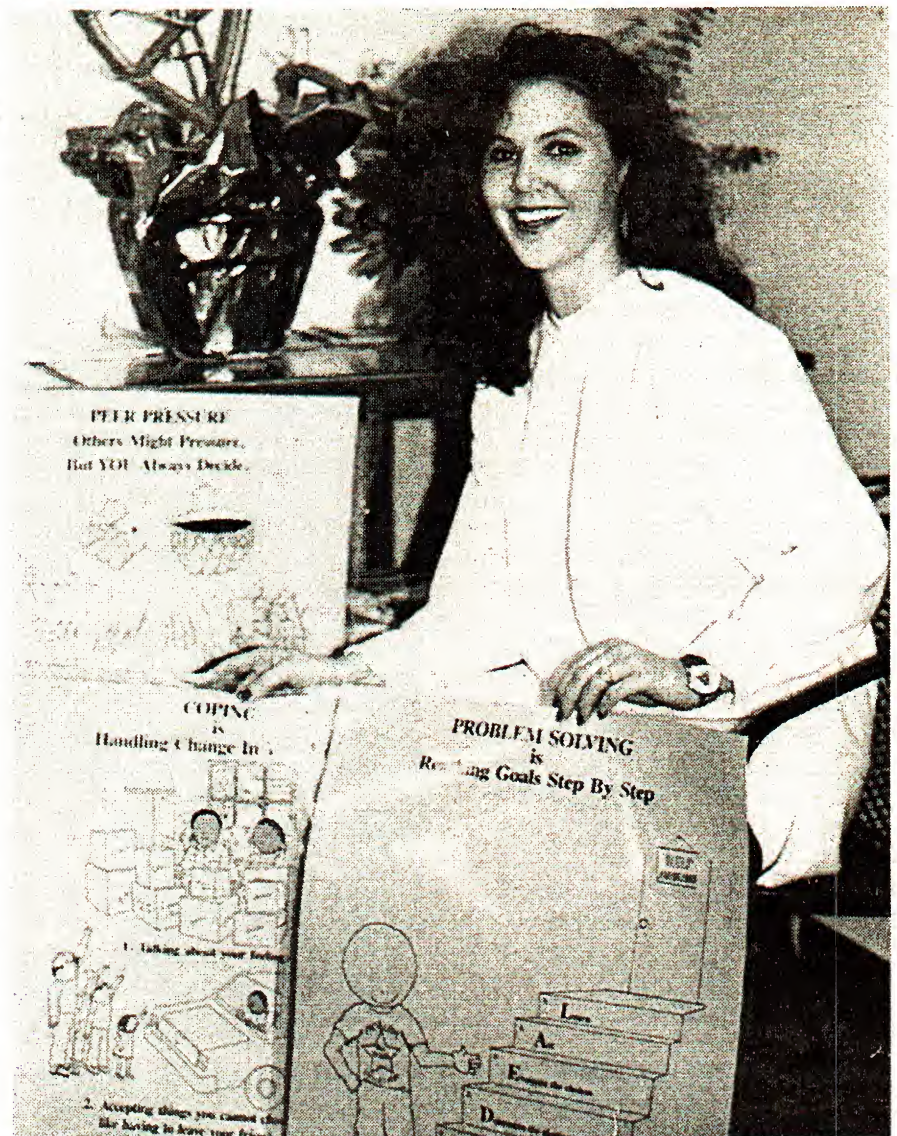
In addition to the Duncan program, Hubert serves as the adolescent counselor. Those youngsters — Native Americans only — are referred to her and she meets with them in her office. She works with about four or five of them each month,

one on one. She also presents programs on HIV and AIDS "for anyone in the community, as well as programs on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects, which she is certified to teach.

Abel plans to expand the substance abuse program to include counseling in the home with the families. "You can't just take the child or the parent," she said. "You have to involve the whole family."

### Shirl Hubert

Hubert earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and counseling with emphasis on chemical dependency from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and has begun work on a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma to prepare for future administrative work. In addition to other areas in which she is certified to teach, she recently earned her Prevention Specialist License and is working toward becoming a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor. She is also staff counselor for the tribe's First Offender program, which she greatly enjoys, and works part-time at Lerner's in Shawnee Mall. She and her husband Rusty, who owns Acme Glass, enjoy hiking and camping, and Hubert loves to shop with Lopez.



## Canadian Pottawatomi will have day in court

On October 4 the Senate approved a resolution, S. Res. 223, that will provide an opportunity for the Pottawatomie Nation in Canada to have its day in court to present claims against the United States for unpaid payments promised under Treaties.

Between 1795 and 1846, thirteen treaties were concluded between the United States and the Pottawatomie Nation, providing for the cession of land, in the States of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin, in exchange for the payment of annuities, and other consideration. These annuities were to be paid to the Pottawatomie people on a per capita basis.

Pursuant to the Federal Removal Policy, and under the Treaty of Chicago in 1833, the U.S. planned to remove the Pottawatomie west of the Mississippi River. However, many members of the Wisconsin Band remained in Wisconsin or fled into Canada to avoid forced removal from their homelands near the Great Lakes. Congress expressly stated that no forfeiture of treaty rights to annuity pay-

ments occurred for those Pottawatomie who refused to relocate to the West.

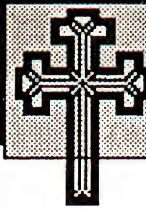
In 1949, the Pottawatomie Nation in Canada were dismissed from an original claim filed under the Indian Claims Commission Act by them and the Wisconsin Band of Pottawatomie, because they resided in Canada. The Claims Court ultimately ruled in favor of the Wisconsin Band in 1983. And, in 1984, the Claims Court refused to reopen the judgment to allow disbursement to Wisconsin Pottawatomie residing in Canada.

The Senate Resolution, S. Res. 223, was introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI), and co-sponsored by Senator Paul Simon (D-IL). The Resolution refers pending Senate Bill, S. 2188, to the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims under the congressional reference process. In the Resolution, the Senate asks the Court to determine which claims of the Pottawatomie Nation in Canada would have been compensable under the Indian Claims Commission Act, if residence outside the territorial limits of the United States were not a

limitation of the Court's exercise of jurisdiction under the Act. The Resolution also asks that that Court determine the payment of damages, if any, plus interest calculated at five percent interest. A trial will be held and then the Court will report its findings back to the Senate.

James Kawahara, Staff Attorney for the Native American Rights Fund said, "The United States has breached its treaty and statutory obligations by not paying members of the Pottawatomie Nation, who fled to Canada, their proportionate share of funds and annuities. This reference is long overdue and it is a tribute to the perseverance of the Pottawatomie people, who have pursued this claim for nearly ninety years."

The Pottawatomie Nation in Canada, who also refer to themselves as the Keewatinosagiganing Pottawatomie, or "Northern Lakes" Pottawatomie, now reside in communities in Ontario, Canada. They are represented politically by an elected Executive Council, which maintains its office in Mactier, Ontario.



## A message from the chaplain...

by Rev. Norman W. Kiker

Message from the Chaplain (Me-No-Meshka-Ke) Boshon Nikan,

I want to wish you all the warmth of the Christmas Season. Remember that the spirit of this season is the one that has prevailed through Jesus Christ and has transcended the oceans, the mountains and all other barriers throughout the ages that have kept the message of Christ from men.

This includes the barrier presented to this continent by men who served other powers than the spirit that was with God (Shamonido) from the beginning of creation. We see this harshness in the world's denial of things that cannot be seen and that blindness to spiritual things and reliance solely on the intellect causes us to deny the reality of spirit.

At this time before Christmas if we take a look back we can see the advent or the approaching of our lord Jesus Christ — he is now God come to earth, the one who sent the spiritual reality of his being to the world. Who are we to deny, who are we to reject when we know so little and are troubled by so many of the mountains this world places before us.

Please remember that the Lord came to make our paths straight to level the mountains, to raise the valleys of our despair. Pray for our brothers and sister Potawatomis wherever they may be, whatever band they are and do this in the spirit of the one God (Shamonido), sent to us, and if we do this we must do it in love for one another knowing that love and concern for each other without judgement is the beginning of peace among all (Anishnabe) that is the true message that was covered up by the Europeans and others throughout the centuries.

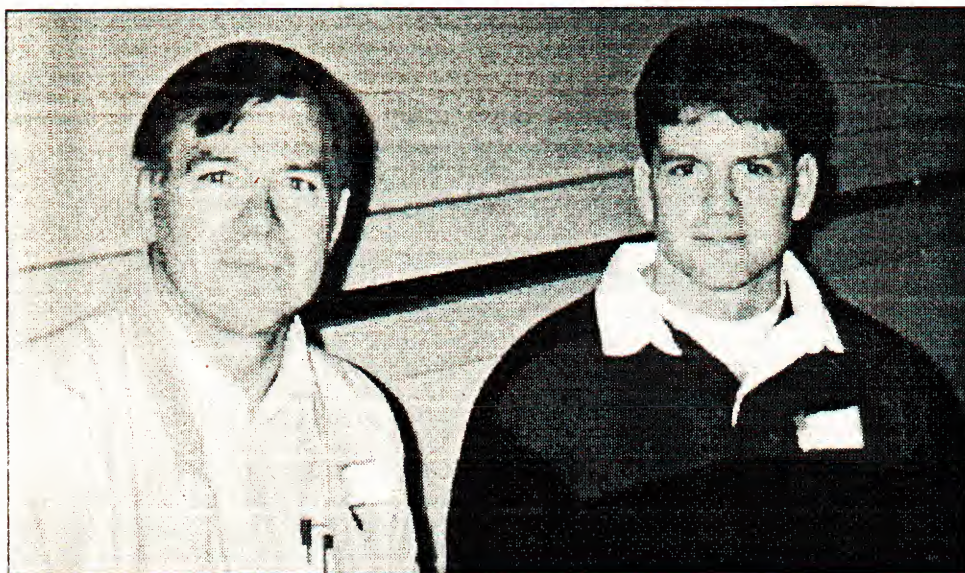
God bless you and peace be with you.



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Helping at the registration table were, left to right, Maureen Higgins, Philonese Kulani and Marcia Hauer. Philonese traveled the longest distance to attend the meeting. Her home is in California.



Tribal Member Clay Fincher With His Father Dave. They Are From Gilbert, Arizona



Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. With The Youngest Enrolled Member at the Arizona Council, 4-Year-Old Josie Schmidt From The Phoenix Area



Adminstrator J.D. Colbert Spoke On Tribal Operations



April, Jamie and Cindi Starner Came From Tuscon For The Regional Council

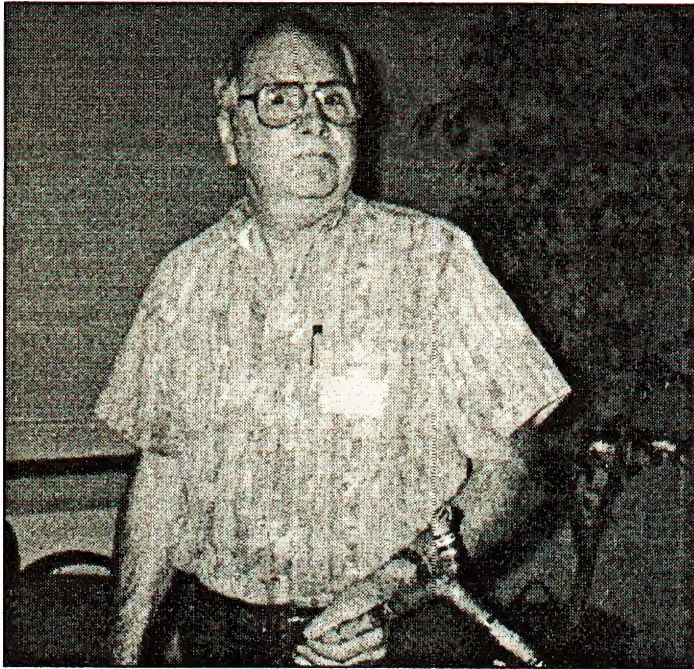


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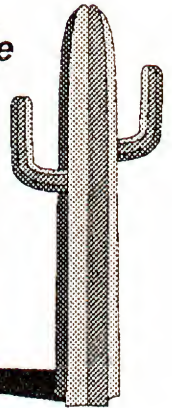


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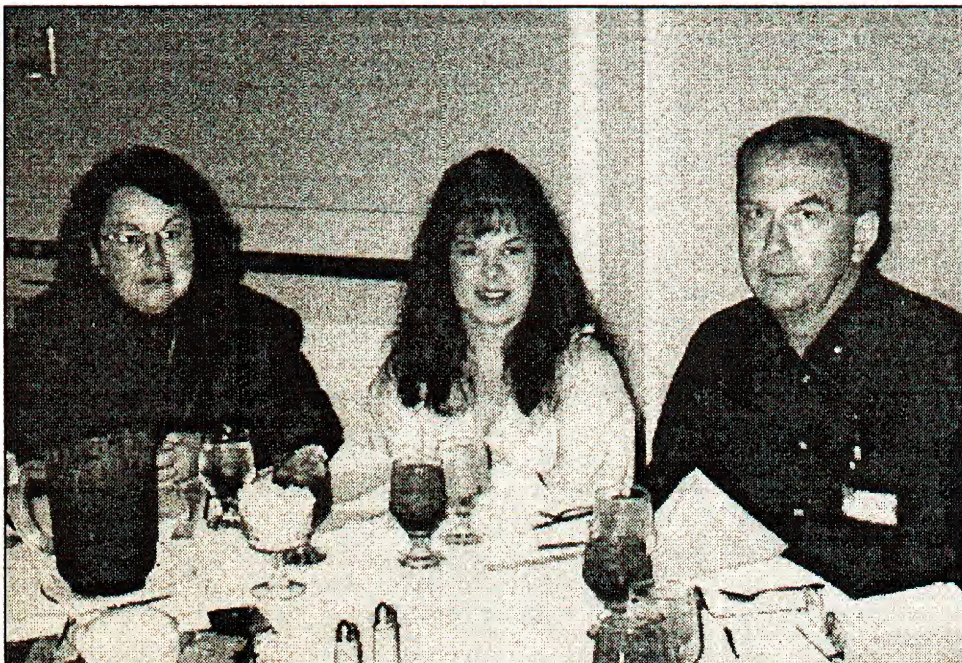
69-Year-Old Jim Kennedy, left, was presented a walking cane by Chairman Barrett as the 'wisest' at the meeting ... In the right-hand picture, Lynn Graft of Phoenix shows off little Cody, 3 months old.



Gene Bruno, A Grievance Committee Member, Chats With Kevin Colbert, Wife of Administrator J.D. Colbert



David Moody and Wife Judy. They Are From Tempe, Arizona.



Rainy, Kelly, and Bob Kritkasky of Phoenix. Bob Is a Descendent of the Vieux Family.



Chairman Barrett's Youngest Son Jack Accompanied Him To This Regional



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## SEATTLE

### Bourzho From Washington State!

It is with a sorrowing heart that I write this month's column. Our friend, "Pack" Wabaunsee, is no longer with us. Pack stepped into the Beyond on Thanksgiving Day and while we grieve his passing, we are still thankful he was with us and that we have the gift of his life, his smile, to carry with us.

Rocky and Maxine Baptiste first told me about Pack in 1992 and said he was someone I needed to meet. I tried but at that time it wasn't to be. Instead, we encountered Pack on a dark, flooded road in Kansas in 1993. The story has been told and I won't retell it, but I know that the predestined time for our meeting took place that night.

We met up with Pack again just this past September when he and the Wabaunsee family were honored at the Trail of Living Courage Festival in Rochester, Indiana. Eric and I left early to attend the festival and honor Pack and Bill Wamego, whose family was also in attendance. We met some of Pack's family, became reacquainted with members of Bill's family, and were honored to be in the presence of such special people. Pack had just had open heart surgery four weeks prior to the festivities but wasn't going to miss them. And we exchanged addresses with promises we'd see one another again. We knew he was scheduled for more surgery. We were confident he'd bounce right back again. But it wasn't to be. Pack and Bill had a lot of catching up to do when they met again in 1993. I suspect they're still at it.

I hope that by now you've received your invitation to the February 11th Regional. If not, give it another week before you call. We will meet at the Holiday Inn across the highway from SeaTac Airport (it's actually north of the airport, on the east side of Highway 99). Sign-in begins at 10:45 with lunch served at 11:30 AM. Linda Capps has prepared a slide show for us and the Business Committee will be there to answer any questions you might have and that I haven't been able to answer! I'm still working out final details on our day. We have reserved the Gateway Ballroom, which is at the front (south) side of the building and is wheel-chair accessible (yes, I'm still in mine!) and private enough that I hope you will bring your children. Please RSVP to me by February 1 so I can give the hotel an accurate count for lunch.

The Jamestown S'Klallam will open their Seven Cedars Casino next month four miles west of the tribal center in Blyn, WA. It will feature an exterior row of 7 totem poles, centered by a 47-foot whale-hunter pole, all carved by local artists Dale Faulstich and James Bender. Three of the poles should be in place by the opening day.

The Indian Way, a new fine arts gallery and trading post, has opened in Olympia, WA at 211 E. 4th. It is Indian-owned and operated and artwork is by Indians (crafts by tribal enterprises and Native Americans for the most part). It sounds worth checking out! They're open Tues.-Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-5.

My congratulations to tribal chaplain Norman Kiker who was recently appointed our liaison in cultural and language acquisitions. He will be representing us at the NAGPRA talks on the Hannahville Potawatomi Reservation in Wisconsin this month. When you have dreamed about and earnestly desired something for years, as I have this renewed interest in things cultural and traditional, it's exciting and deeply pleasurable to see others get excited too and to witness these projects taking shape. I believe that it is vital that we move forward into the future and that our Business Committee has done an excellent job of moving us in that direction. But I also believe that we need to hang on to the past so we know who we are. Together, both halves can make us a strong Potawatomi people.

As we enter the New Year, are your roll numbers, address and social security numbers up to date and in the keeping of tribal rolls? Too many people call and complain that they've received no mail from Shawnee while Shawnee is receiving their mail back as undeliverable. Make sure your children, grandchildren, siblings and parents all have current addresses ON FILE. We want everyone kept up to date!

One final note. It has come to my attention that regional attendance is falling, or is far less than RSVP's would lead us to expect. Remember, this is your regional. All of them are held strictly to keep you a part of the Citizen Band, an informed part. If you want these regional meetings to continue, be a part of them. Otherwise, we will lose this vital link to Shawnee — and you will have no one to blame but yourself.

See you at the Regional!

Susan Campbell

## DENVER

Well, hello again from snowy Colorado! This morning it is snowing again. We already have an inch on the ground and more is on the way. The one good thing about it is that this white stuff will be gone tomorrow.

So far on the health issue, all I have left to do is to get funding on proposal #1. I start writing to some of the huge conglomerates in the United States and around the world here soon.

I also read a newspaper story about a town in Texas which converted a local hospital into a reservation and then IHS had to care for the Indians on the hospital grounds. Right now I have two hospitals that are interested in helping me with this. If I can get this done here in Denver, then I will try to get it done in Colorado Springs. I don't think that I will do it in Durango because just across the Colorado and New Mexico state line is a full service hospital.

All the people I have talked to have been very encouraging, except for the American Indian Congress held here in Denver recently. They kept telling me that "you can't do that; the law prohibits that." My reply was "So change the law." "We can't; the law is based on a treaty signed in 1818." The next response was, "So change the treaty." "We can't; we are afraid that we will lose what little we have now." Let me make a post script here — they didn't invite me to go; I found out about it in the local newspaper. And found out the time and date from the hotel where it was being held.

So they were wondering who I was, right up until I introduced myself and told them what I wanted and how do I go about it. It was very frustrating because one of the ladies there was complaining about the new hospital that was being built. She was worried whether or not it was going to subtract from the well baby care and daycare. Do you see the problem in this picture?

I have even had the encouragement from some folks out of state. It would seem that the people from the neighbor states are watching what I do with interest. They call every now and again just to see what I have gotten myself into lately, and what I have gotten done so far.

I also received a very nice letter from Mr. Johnny Flynn. Thank you, Mr. Flynn, for the shot in the arm and the very nice words of encouragement.

Thanks also goes to the business committee for passing the resolution in support of the efforts to establish a burial assistance fund for the tribal members.

Good luck, Mr. Kiker, on the language program. Let me know if I can help. I have some things here that might help a little.

Recently, I gave a little talk to the Daughters of the American Revolution. About two weeks later, they sent me a very nice letter stating how much they enjoyed my visit with them.

I do believe that's it for now, either that or I'm going to take up the whole newspaper.

Bright Blessings,

Lisa Baldwin



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## OREGON

**Bourzho from Oregon:**

Another year is nearing its end; the holidays are nearly over. I want to wish each member of our Potawatomi family, along with our business committee and the employees at the Tribal complex, a safe and happy holidays and a prosperous New Year.

How glad I was to see the write-up about Esther Lowden and the tribal gift shop in the newspaper. We have known for sometime that Esther is one of our most valuable assets and a treasured leader. Thank you again for writing such a nice story.

For untold centuries, our ancestors gave thanks in ceremonies for the forest, fields and animals that gave sustenance to our tribe. Isn't it ironic that when the Europeans came, they named the holidays and get credit for giving thanks?

When we give thanks before the Christmas Holiday, it would be appropriate for us to remember the less fortunate. We can demonstrate this by sharing with others. Sharing reminds us that for the Grace of our Great Creator, we might be in more unfortunate circumstances. Our ancestors have always believed in giving their bounty away. In this way it comes back manyfold. We share our hopes, progress and bounty — we also keep our way of life, the Indian way, by giving it away.

**DATE TO REMEMBER:**  
Dec 15, 1994: Deadline for Winter Scholarship Application

Jan. 28, 1995: Western Oregon State College Pow Wow

Feb. 11, 1995: Washington Regional Meeting, Seattle, WA.

Feb. 25, 1995: Oregon Regional Meeting, Eugene.

Remember to feed the animals and birds this winter... **Rocky Baptiste**

## REGIONAL COUNCIL SCHEDULE

These are the dates for Regional Council meetings during the remainder of the 1994-95 series:

Southern California .....	January 14, 1995
Seattle, Washington .....	February 11, 1995
Eugene, Oregon .....	February 25, 1995
Northern California .....	March 18, 1995
Texas (Houston) .....	April 15, 1995
Texas (Dallas) .....	April 29, 1995
Kansas City .....	May 20, 1995

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**Bourzho from Merced,**

At this time of the year, remember the Spirit of Giving. As we all know the giving does not have to be things, but can be of our time, consideration for others, and acceptance of the many different ways of our Brothers and Sisters.

To each of my Tribal Brothers and Sisters I would like to wish the best for the coming year. We have been given a rich heritage and I would encourage each one to make this year the time to really learn something about our heritage. Sometimes I get calls wanting to know what can our Tribe do for us, what can it give.

As many know, there are things that help us through health care, education assistance, and other areas also. I was moved this past year by one Tribal Member who needed help with some health aids funds. She was an Elder who had never come to her Tribe for anything. When the cost of her needs were discussed, our limits set were only a part of her total cost. Did she complain? No, she apologized for asking for help, saying there were others that probably needed help more than she. She was so thankful that she was able to get help. We talked a number of times about many things and she has

encouraged her daughters to call and get more involved in their heritage. This is an attitude we need more of. An attitude of thankfulness for what we could give, rather than what wasn't given. An attitude of thankfulness for our heritage.

Well, it's time to get serious about our March meeting. I've had a couple of offers of help, but we could use more. It is shaping up to be a good meeting with a lot of cultural information, displays, and an overall new format. Again, we will have available RV parking at the fairgrounds where the meeting will be. Anyone who needs information on this, please give me a call. The invitations will be going out the end of January, so watch your mail. Any suggestions and or questions will be welcomed. Please call me.

There are several New Years pow wows in the area with one being in Clovis near Fresno. If you know of something in your area, please let me know so that we can put it in. Again, a Happy New Year, stay safe and remember the March 18th meeting.

Megwetch,

*Gary Bibb*

## PHOENIX

**Bourzho from Arizona,**

Here we are closing out another year. This one has brought so many good things for me; I can't help but feel the next one will be so much better. I have a whole new calendar to work with; I only hope I use it wisely.

We held our regional this year in November and it was great if I do have to say so myself. I actually had 177 responses; however, only 60 showed up. Those that were there were warm and laughing and interested in what was happening in Shawnee.

Esther, Linda, Rocky, Hilton, Gene, and J.D. Colbert were all here from Shawnee and it made it complete with good friends and lots of good food. We had a slide showing about the growth of the complex in Shawnee and the grievance process was explained to us. All of you who were unable to attend missed a lot of good fellowship and the chance to meet new members of your family. I sincerely hope more of you

are able to attend the next one.

As we walk into 1995 let's all try to set aside old grievances and concentrate on building stronger family ties. If we have a problem with each other let's be adult enough to talk it out and learn to live side by side with love and help each other. Together we can build a stronger family and continue to rise in strength. This is our time to speak up and let others know who we are. Walk tall and speak softly and we will be heard louder than if we yelled our heads off. Because people will have to listen to hear us ...

I hope Santa was good to all of you and not too many received sticks and stones.

A very happy New Year to you and yours and may you all have joy, love and peace all through the New Year.

Megwich,

*Philonise Williams*

*P.S. Only a night from old to new, only a sleep from night to morn, the new is but the old come true, each sunrise sees a new year born.*

## HOUSTON

**Bourzho from Houston,**  
We hope your holidays were good!

Best wishes to all of you for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

We look forward to so many good things in 1995.

The tribal cultural program is growing. The First Oklahoma Bank is a fact accomplished, and beautiful it is. The bowling alley is well under way. We progress!

Many good things are happening at the Council Meetings around the country and we are excited about ours here on April 15. Be sure to attend. J.D. Colbert will be with us, and you will all enjoy meeting him, I'm sure. We will also have the other members of our business committee here, our Chaplain Norman Kiker, and of course our Chairman "Rocky" Barrett, Jr.

They promise a slide presentation of interest to all of us, and Esther will be well stocked in the Tribal Store.

We want all of you who have held us in your prayers these past three months to know how very much we appreciate your love and care. Knowing your support has been there has made all the differences for us. Many times we've said that caring for each other is what tribe and family is all about, but we've never known the need as we have this past fall. Megwetch to you.

I want to hear from you if we can be of help. If you need enrollment forms or scholarship information, or even if you just want to talk or need to "gripe" a little, call me, or write if you'd rather.

I am learning. It's true that if you have an "Indian Heart," you don't need to ask why! The faith is there.

Be good to each other.

Megwetch,

*Lu Ellis*

My husband and I spent a much too brief time at the Red Nations Pow Wow held in Dallas the weekend before Thanksgiving. The regalia was beautiful and the dances lively. Everyone seemed to be having a good time.

Terry Upton, one of our local Potawatomis, had told me he was trying to get space to

sell the dream catchers that he and his father make. I was unable to find him and hope I did not miss him. Even though I was not able to locate my fellow Potawatomi, I am looking forward to further conversations to learn more about his work and that of his father.

I, of course, did manage to make two purchases and saw

many fine examples of Indian handwork. While browsing at the booths, I talked to some interesting people about their work and was given some tips on how to tell the handmade items from the machine work.

## DALLAS

By the time you read this, Christmas will have come and gone.

I and my family are looking forward to the time we will be together during this holiday season. But you should be reading this article before we welcome in the New Year.

I have not figured out what happened to 1994; it has gone by

so fast. I have spoken with some of you about various health concerns and I want to especially wish you a year with promise of good health and happiness. And to all of you and yours I want to wish you a Happy New Year with only the best things happening to your all through the coming year. *Marjorie Hobdy*



## POTAWATOMI SCRAPBOOK:

By Shirley Willard  
Fulton County (Indiana)  
Historical Society

The Wabuansee family of Kansas and the Wamego family of Oklahoma were honored at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival, Rochester, Indiana, Sept. 17-18.

The Indian dances at the Trail of Courage were dedicated to the memory of Bill Wamego, who died last year. Four of his 12 children attended: Bill Wamego Jr., Carmelita Wamego Skeeter, Susan Wamego Dover, Tulsa; and Jeannie Wamego Van Veen, Tahlequah. They are Citizen Band members.

Each year this festival honors a different Potawatomi family that had its roots in Indiana history. This year the descendants of Chief Wabaunsee were invited. Three brothers, James "Pack" (short of Paxico) Wabaunsee, Kennewick, Washington; Will Wabaunsee, Hoyt, Kansas; and Kendall "Babe" Wabaunsee, St. Ignatius, Montana; attended the festival, as did their sister Victoria Mattwaoshshe, Hoyt, Kansas. They are Prairie Band members.

Family members who attended with them were Will's wife Drusa, daughters, Elizabeth and Shawna, and granddaughters, Zabrana, age 6, and Alejandra, age 2. (Little Zabrana did joyous spontaneous dances!) Babe and his son Larry drove all the way from Montana, over 1700 miles. Vicky came with her daughter Charlene and grandson Cheyenne.

Pack flew from Spokane, Washington, near his present home, but he was living in Mayetta, Kansas, in Sept. 1993 when the Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan traveled from Indiana to Kansas dedicating historical markers for the Potawatomi who were forced at gunpoint to leave Indiana in 1838.

Pack read about the caravan in the Topeka newspaper and saw that one of its members was his cousin, Bill Wamego, whom he had not seen since 1929. So he drove toward Osawatimie to meet the caravan and attend Mass at the Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne, but he got stranded in a flooded creek. He climbed on top of his truck and waited as it got dark and cold, praying and praying that someone would come to rescue him. Over three hours passed.

What happened next is considered a miracle by some people. The Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan was led by Bill and Shirley Willard, Fulton County Historical Society, Rochester, Indiana. When the caravan arrived in Osawatimie, Shirley got word

that her mother had just died.

The Willards continued with the caravan and led them to the Shrine after dark. They made a couple of wrong turns and ended up on the road where Pack was stranded in the flood. The caravan rescued him from the dark swirling water that had continued to rise as Pack climbed higher and higher on his truck. Eric Campbell and George Godfrey waded out into the water and brought him to safety. Then they wrapped him in blankets to warm him up and that's when he and Bill Wamego had a good reunion, described in the HowNiKan Oct. 1993 issue.

Shirley said to Pack, "We took a wrong turn or we wouldn't be here."

Pack said, "No, you took the right turn. I was praying and praying that someone would come to rescue me."

The next day Jim Pearl, St. Marys, Kansas, one of the Potawatomi with the caravan the night before, said "I was unable to sleep last night and I was thinking about how unusual it was that Shirley's mother had just died and then we found and rescued Pack. Then it came to me: it was her mother's first miracle when she got to Heaven!"

In 1993 the Pearl and Slavin families, descendants of Theresa, a little girl on the Trail of Death, were the honored guests at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival. They are Citizen Band members.

Wabaunsee means "He Who Causes Paleness." This name was earned in battle by a Potawatomi warrior, who later became a chief. This fierce chief was well known along the frontier in both Indiana and Illinois. The words "Wabaunsee is coming!" struck terror in the hearts of all the settlers and other tribes who were enemies of the Potawatomi.

Wabaunsee was not on the Trail of Death. He was born in northern Indiana in 1747 and lived in Illinois and Iowa. He had two Osage wives, and the story is related in the 1883 Historical Atlas of Fulton County, Indiana (and also in many other books) that one of the wives complained to Wabaunsee about the other wife mistreating his children and being "mule contrary." Wabaunsee told the offending wife to lie down on the ground, then he gave his tomahawk to the other wife and commanded her to split her skull open with one blow or he would split hers. So she did.

There is another story written in the 1860s by a survivor of the Fort Dearborn (Chicago) massacre. Mrs. Kinzie recalled that Chief Wabaunsee and his brother Black Partridge rescued some white women and their children, took them to the shore of Lake Michigan and pretended to kill them and leave them for dead. They were then able to escape alive in a canoe.

Nobody knows how many of these old stories are true. But we do know that Wabaunsee signed the treaties in 1826, 1828, 1832, and 1833.

Old Chief Wabaunsee died in 1846, nearly 90 years old. His older brother was Black Pheasant (some books call him Black Partridge), according to a newspaper story published in the Kansas City (MO.) Enterprise in 1857 and reprinted in the HowNiKan in November 1989. As a youth

he was known as Nahek-ses, until his bravery and daring earned him the name of Wawbansee (also spelled Wah bahn-se, Waubonsa, Wahponseh, Wawbansee and other ways). He was six feet and one inch tall. The new name was awarded him after leading an attack on a supply boat on the White River in Indiana.

He and Black Pheasant went to war against nearly all the tribes of the North. As a leader of war parties, he made three expeditions against the Osages, always returning with scalps and at one time with 40 prisoners.

Wabaunsee traveled to Washington, D.C., twice, in 1836 and 1845. The last trip received a lot of newspaper coverage in Washington City. Wabaunsee and other chiefs met President Polk and Congress and arranged for a treaty to sell their Iowa reservation.

The chiefs' efforts increased the price from \$250,000 to \$850,000 but the government used it to buy them a new reservation in Kansas, pay the traders and pay for the removal trip, so the Potawatomi received very little of the money.

On the way back to his home in Iowa, the stagecoach Wabaunsee was riding in overturned in Ohio, injuring him so that he developed a fever and died in Booneville, MO., before reaching home.

His descendant, Paxico Wabaunsee, was hereditary chief of the Prairie Band in 1900. Paxico's son James was the father of Pack, Babe, Will and Vicky. The Prairie Band Potawatomi no longer have a hereditary chief, but if they did, Pack as oldest son would have been the chief.

In 1931 Jim Wabaunsee was the first in the area to use modern machinery on his farm near Mayetta. Pack was born on his parents' farm in 1916 and lived there until he was 25 years old. He entered the military in World War II and served in Puerto Rico at an air depot.

During the war the government offered Indians jobs off the reservation so Pack's father moved to Portland, OR, to work in the shipyard. In 1942 Pack married Evelyn Keesis, also a Prairie Band member. In 1946 Pack moved his wife and children to the West Coast too. He spent many years operating big equipment to build dams and driving a truck across the country. He raised his six children there in Washington. His wife died several years ago after over 30 years of marriage.

Two years ago Pack decided to move back to Kansas, the land of his childhood. He moved into the old house his father had built near Hoyt, now owned by his brother Will.

But medical problems last summer spurred him to return to Spokane to the Sacred Heart Hospital for surgery. He open heart surgery Aug. 16. When he went in the hospital, he asked the doctor if he could still attend the Trail of Courage. The doctor said yes, if he got well fast enough. Pack got well real fast and flew out to Indiana to meet his rescuers and enjoy the Indian dances and other frontier entertainments at the festival. It was like a family reunion for them. Pack and his sister Vicky sat next to the drum arbor during the Indian dances. They looked happy and con-

tent, Packie smoking his pipe. They especially enjoyed meeting Bill Wamego's children. Bill Wamego Jr. joined George Godfrey, head dancer, in leading many of the dances. (Godfrey is Citizen Band, lives at Lawrence, KA.). Drums music was provided by the Chi-Town Singers, Chicago, and Kalamazoo Singers, Michigan.

The Trail of Courage Living History Festival shows pre-1840 history with participants camping and living as people did on the frontier. Traditional crafts are demonstrated and sold, foods cooked over wood fires for the public, plus music and dancing on two stages all day, a canoe landing and fur trading skit on the Tippecanoe River. Indian dances are held from 2 to 4 p.m. in a special Indian dance arena, with music by two drums.

The Wabaunsee family was honored at the opening ceremony both days of the festival. They were given plaques with a picture of Chief Wabaunsee. They were special guests at a supper Saturday night.

After the festival, Pack stayed three days as the house guest of Bill and Shirley Willard, giving him a chance to rest up before flying back to Spokane.

Pack had more surgery Oct. 26. Doctors discovered gangrene in his intestines. He was in intensive care, got better, then suffered a heart attack and a stroke and went back in intensive care. His cousin Catherine Vieux, Clinton, Topeka, set up a prayer circle and many people in several states were praying. When Pack's kidneys began to shut down, it was decided to disconnect the life support system about Nov. 15. After they disconnected everything, Pack began to get better and regained consciousness. For a while it was thought he was going to pull off another miracle! The doctor said if he continued to improve for two days, there was a good chance he would get well. So his brother Will, who had rushed to his bedside, went back home to Kansas. But it was not to be.

James Joseph "Packie" Wabaunsee died on Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day, at 3:10 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Hospital, Spokane.

A traditional wake was held at the home of his son, Joseph E. Wabaunsee, who made the casket and lined it with Pendleton blankets. Catherine Vieux Clinton sent a blue ribbon shirt for the burial. The funeral was held Dec. 3 at Mueller's Tri-City Funeral Home. Susan Campbell, Citizen Band representative, Seattle, and her husband Eric attended the funeral.



## ***Board's treasures now on display at Red Earth***

**"Red Earth Treasures: A Board Room Collection,"** an exhibition featuring an eclectic assortment of Native American artwork and historical artifacts, is currently on display at the Red Earth Indian Center through Feb. 15, 1995.

The exhibition, located in the main gallery of Oklahoma City's Red Earth Indian Center, focuses on a broad variety of artwork including acrylic, pastel and watercolor paintings; sculptures; pottery; jewelry; cultural objects; and historical artifacts.

Drawn from the private collections of the Red Earth Board of Directors, the exhibition features works by such noted artists as Allan Houser, Ben Buffalo, Sr., Priscilla Namingha Nampeyo, Pahponee, Ted Miller, Doc Tate Nevaquaya, Marcus Amerman, Allen Pacquin, and Mike Daniel.

Other artists in the exhibition with connections to Oklahoma include Lou Ackerman, Richard Goetz, Bill Jaxon, Joe Mora, America Meredith, Joe Pappio, Jr. and Frank Bushyhead.

"Red Earth Treasures' highlights the favorite works of art by some of Oklahoma's most prolific art collectors," said Scott Tigert, Red Earth Indian Center museum curator. "The exhibition is one of our most unique, and I'm sure our visitors will appreciate the board range of styles on exhibit."

Included in "Red Earth Treasures: A Board Room Collection" are many ethnographic articles including Osage leggings, Zia Pottery (circa. 1900), Western Apache olla basket (circa. 1860), Sioux fully-beaded vest (circa. 1910), Navajo Klagetoh rug (circa. 1930), lava rock mortar bowl, knife with bear jaw handle, Hopi Kachina dolls, and numerous other items.

Red Earth Indian Center is located inside the 10-acre Kirkpatrick Center museum complex, 2100 NE 52nd Street in Oklahoma City. One admission into the museum complex provides access to "Red Earth Treasures: A Board Room Collection" on view at the Red Earth Indian Center, and all the other museums, galleries and attractions located inside.

Admission is \$6 (plus tax) adults; \$4 (plus tax) seniors; and \$3.50 (plus tax) children. Red Earth Indian Center members and children under age 3 are admitted free of charge. Regular museum hours are 9:30-5 p.m. weekdays, 9-6 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information call Red Earth, Inc. at (405) 427-5228.

## PIECES sets performance

**PIECES**, one of Dallas' newest contemporary dance companies, will present "Selected **PIECES**" April 7 and 8, 1995, at 8 p.m. and April 9, 1995 at 2 p.m. in the Hoblitzelle Auditorium on the Hockaday campus 11600 Welch Road, Dallas. Choreography by Patricia Dickinson, Michele Manleyk, Patrice Tuttle, Lily Cabatu Weiss, and Artistic Director J. Davis Hobdy, a tribal member, will be featured. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$6 for members of the Dallas Dance Council and Artists Helping Artists! For reservations call 214-601-9832.

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# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Trip to old Potawatomi homelands is spiritual journey

By Norman Kiker  
Citizen Band Potawatomi  
Tribal Chaplain

In the October *HowNiKan*, Susan Campbell, our capable Regional Director from Seattle, gives an excellent picture of our journey through the old Potawatomi homelands of Indiana and Michigan. I, too, wish to speak to you as a leader of a different kind, and hopefully you will share in the spiritual feeling of portions of that journey.

The time spent on that trip was vital to us in many ways individually and especially to our tribal family or those concerned about learning of our history. Please understand I am not speaking of a quick course, but a journey, the trail we must go on to retrace and very carefully uncover and preserve those precious things in a way that will serve our future as a people. We as a people must take the appropriate time to learn and mature in more than our history, although that is an important beginning for us all.

The fun of taking a journey is observing new surroundings and learning about them. The first stop on the September cultural journey was Lake Shipshewana, the Village of Chief Shipshewana. This is where our people were quite

abruptly apprehended and taken away to Kansas. The shock of that reality somehow remains and affects one who is standing and praying on the spot. We gazed upon the lake and reed-covered shoreline where our people gathered materials from the Mother to build and maintain living and ceremonial structures. This place spoke to us all for our prayers that we may mature as a tribal people and gather those things that will bring a good future.

We visited the Bone Prairie, an old battlesite of both Miami and Potawatomi warfare. Farmers and other individuals of this century and the past picked among relics and bones of our ancestors without regard for their resting places. It is no wonder the remains of thousands of Indian people of all tribes remain in sealed boxes in museums and displays throughout this country. And these items were gathered without respect for the Indian people. We, as Citizen Band People, are now in the process of working jointly in the areas of non-invasive methods for recovering our people and the re-burial of them through Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, (NAGPRA). These plans

have been an ongoing process for some time.

Next, we visited Lake Tippecanoe, the old Potawatomi trading post. Then, our journey took us to an old portage where LaSalle, the explorer, utilized it to transport supplies from river to river.

There is an old oak tree above the Saint Joseph River, the site of the 1680 treaty that LaSalle forged with the surrounding tribes. The huge trunk and limbs of that Mitigog (meaning broken tree) still stands. One can envision all the various Anishnabe camped around it.

The Bertrand cemetery was an especially moving place to pay our respects and we noticed the neglect throughout this and the last century that brought our ancestral graves to such a state of disrepair. Many Potawatomi people used headstones and many others followed the traditional ways with their gravestones represented only by the rolling green grass.

To illustrate my point about Indian graves, when we went to Sacred Heart of Mary in Silverlake, Michigan, while facing the front of the church one can see the Irish cemetery with headstones on the right with few Indian graves. Yet on

the left side of the church, Esk Bok Yak Mish Kos (a rolling green cover of grass) and many tall aged old trees, or grandfathers, serve as a markers for their graves. There we stood with our Pokagon brothers and sisters while putting down our prayers and offering up our thanksgiving. Just before the visit to the church, we met with members of the Pokagon tribe at their tribal offices at Dowagiac, Michigan. This was a very cordial, heartfelt meeting and I know that seeds of sincerity have been planted there for the future.

We also visited the old Prophets Town village site and the rocks over-looking the battlefield below. You can visualize the prophet on top of those high rocks singing his prayers while observing the battle ensuing below. At this place many Potawatomi warriors fought alongside the Shawnees who had been welcomed into our villages. Unfortunately the battle was lost and that was the beginning of the end of a way of life for many people.

You know the old Potawatomi always used to say whatever we do, let us all ask ourselves if this will be good for at least seven (7) generations. I know by this and the

common sense that it implies that what we do must be of quality and must not be hurried because those things that are hurriedly thrown together will not last and chances are they should not.

In the company of our friends, we respectfully put down our prayers at this location and joined together for a song as a proper way to part company.

Other places of spiritual significance were visited during this trip and the importance of them will most certainly come to light in good time. But, out of my own feelings of respect for our relation, they will not be mentioned in this article.

Each day was hard work and many hours on the road. Without the endless efforts of Nick Clark, Chairman of Minitesta, and Greg and Renda Ballew, we would never have been able to have such a fruitful journey. Also our appreciation goes out to John and Pat Warren and family, Henry Bush, Jr. and wife Lou Anne and the other friends we made along the way. Megwetch Nikan.

To my fellow tribal brothers and sisters, I ask that you simply consider the future with the forethought it deserves.



## IN YOUR OPINION

Dear HowNiKan Editor:

On pages 10 and 11 of the November 1994 edition you published a portion of a memorandum we prepared in connection with litigation. In the conclusion section on page 11, we opined that:

"As a matter of law, the Citizen Band must be deemed to have paid for the reservation. The United States was both the trustee and a beneficiary of a portion (sic) of the trust trust (sic) corpus. If Santa Fe did not pay, the trustee had a fiduciary duty to compel payment or withhold the certificates. If Santa Fe paid and these trust funds were not distributed to the trustee, how can the trustee, with plenary control over the funds, complain?"

When this conclusion was reached, we were not aware of the findings and opinions promulgated by the Indian Claims

Commission. However, we have subsequently learned that the Commission came to the same conclusion nearly 40 years earlier.

"We have made no finding as whether or not the Indians (Potawatomi) paid the Government for the land (Oklahoma Reservation) involved. We do not find it necessary to make a finding on this issue in order to decide the stipulated issues and we leave this issue of payment, or not, open to future hearings incident to valuations and offsets.

"However, we think such payment or non-payment a matter wholly within the control and supervision of the defendant (United States). (Under) Article III of the 1867 Treaty, as amended ... the Secretary of the Interior was made trustee of the Citizen Band's funds which he received

from the sales of their Kansas lands. When this reservation (Potawatomi Reservation in Oklahoma) was duly selected, approved, surveyed and possession transferred (Findings 7, 8 and 9), it then became the Secretary's duty 'to take from tribal funds' the consideration agreed to be paid to the government for such reservation. The Citizen Band has signified to him their approval of the Oklahoma Reservation selected for them (Finding 7) and the failure of the Secretary to perform his express duty as trustee of the Citizen Band's funds (if he did fail) cannot be charged to the Indians.

"We conclude that the failure to pay the consideration, in the event it be determined that it was not paid, was a failure of the Government to make the necessary and authorized transfer of tribal funds

belonging to the Citizens Band and in the possession of and in the control of the Government, and was not a default of the Citizen Band."

*Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma v. United States*, Docket No. 96, 6 Ind. Cl. Comm. 658, 661-663 (Sept. 18, 1958) (opinion of commission). Later the Commission denied the United States' claim for an offset of \$119,790.75 (the cost to the United States for the reservation lands) against the Potawatomi judgment entered because the "consideration paid (by the United States for the "surplus" lands within the Potawatomi Reservation) was unconscionable." *Citizen Band*, 14 Ind. Cl. Comm. 570, 584, 606-607.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL MINNIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
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# Walking on ...

## William V. "Beans" Battese

World War II veteran and Tecumseh resident William V. "Beans" Battese died Monday, December 12, 1994, in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of 81.

Battese was born November 14, 1913, in Mayetta, Kansas to Frank and Alice Battese. A graduate of the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas, he served as a Navy pharmacist and on a mine sweeper during World War II.

In 1950 he married Pearlline Foraker, and was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and also worked as an auditor for Atwell, Vogel and Sterling Accountants.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Pearlline; son Jeff; brothers Anthony, Joseph, Andrew and Paul; and sister Pauline Nioce.

Survivors include sons James of Phoenix, Arizona, Frank of Globe, Arizona, Russell of Apache, Oklahoma and David of Parker, Arizona; daughters, Suzanne of Chandler, Arizona and Teresa of Portland, Oregon.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m. December 15 at Our Lady of Snow Catholic Church on the Potawatomi Reservation, Mayetta, Kansas. Memorial services for those who could not attend the services in Mayetta were held at 6 p.m. December 15 at the Mission Hill Indian Church in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

## James J. "Chief" Wabaunsee

James J. "Chief" Wabaunsee, 78, of Kennewick, passed away in Spokane, WA., on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1994.

Chief was born March 8, 1916, in Mayetta, Kansas, to James and Charlotte Wabaunsee.

He moved to Yakima Valley with his family for a short time after WW II before moving to the Tri-Cities. He recently returned to his hometown in Kansas and became involved in tribal matters.

He was a member of the Teamsters Union and operated heavy equipment on numerous dams and construction sites throughout the Northwest until his retirement in 1961.

Chief loved to travel, meeting new friends and renewing old acquaintances. He held the position of staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps during WW II repairing planes as a sheet metal worker in Puerto Rico and the Pacific.

James J. and Evelyn H. (Kesis) Wabaunsee were married on March 17, 1942.

Chief was preceded in death by his

wife, Evelyn H. Wabaunsee; granddaughter, Anna Wabaunsee; and great-grandson, Rueban Jack Lowry.

He is survived by his six children, Nathan L. Wabaunsee and wife Mary, Carol S. Everett and husband Ed, James E. Wabaunsee and wife Joleen, Galen G. Wabaunsee and wife Sandy, Joseph E. Wabaunsee and wife Janice, Darlene A. Wabaunsee, Art Gilbert; and loving companion, Kiever Davis; brothers Kendall Wabaunsee of Montana, Will Wabaunsee of Kansas; and sister Victoria Mattawahshe of Kansas; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. His loving presence will be missed by all.

A wake was held December 2, 1994. A Rosary was held at the wake.

Funeral services were at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Kennewick, December 3, 1994.

## LaVern Clara Cline

Wake services for LaVern Clara Cline, 77, Norman, OK, were held at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 1994, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Ernest A. Flusche officiating. Mass of Christian Burial was 2 p.m. Friday, December 1, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Ernest A. Flusche officiating. Burial was at Lexington Cemetery, under the direction of Primrose Funeral Service.

Mrs. Cline died Wednesday, November 30, 1994, at Norman.

She was born on February 4, 1917, to Alan "Budley" and Mary Trousdale at Trousdale, Oklahoma. Mrs. Cline graduated from Trousdale High School and attended Sacred Heart Mission Catholic School. She was member of the Noble Tops and was awarded K.O.P.S. Queen. She was member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She married Albert Hollie Cline on June 8, 1934 at Lexington. She lived in Noble from 1964 until 1975 when she moved to Norman.

Mrs. Cline is survived by five sons, Wyvern Cline of Goldsby; Freddie Cline, Michael Cline, Steve Cline, Phil Cline, all of Norman; a daughter, Linda Palmer of Norman; a sister, Lilola Parrish of Las Vegas, Nevada; a brother, LaVail Trousdale of Colton, California; 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Hollie Cline; a son, Jimmie Cline; a granddaughter, Dana Cline.

Bearers were David Hager, R.A. Cline, Bill Myers, Leon Pierce, A.J. Perschbacher, and Ted Van Schuyver. Honorary bearers were John Ryden, Don Paukei and Charles Camp.

## Family photo album

*This photograph of tribal member Georgia Bumbaugh, taken in the 1940s, was sent to the HowNiKan for publication by two of her children, Sam McCollum and Margaret Hudspeth, and a granddaughter, Grace Merrvfield, who attended the Denver Regional Council.*



## Burial plan has been dream of tribal leaders for decades

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"the essential element in the implementation of this plan is contained in the language of the resolution, wherein 75 percent of the enrolled members of the tribe must submit enrollment information before the plan can begin.

"An enrollment form is included in this issue of the HowNiKan (see page 3). It is essential that these forms be returned before we can begin paying the benefit. Please understand no benefits can be paid prior to the date of the receipt of the enrollment information of 75 percent of the members of the tribe," Barrett stressed. "Since enrollments are just now beginning, the anticipated starting date of the plan of Jan. 1, 1995, will most likely not be achieved. We hope it can begin as early as February, however. Please make it your business to contact each member of your family who is an enrolled member of the tribe to urge them to send their information to the fund.

Once that information — from 75 percent of the tribal members — is in the computer, the dream will become a reality and tribal members will be able to collect \$1,000 to help pay the burial expenses of deceased family members. "This concept has been a goal of the

Potawatomi tribe for over two decades," Barrett said, "and has been one of the benefits that other tribes have provided for a generation. A local dissident faction in the Shawnee area claims to have been circulating a petition requesting this action, but no such petition was submitted to the Business Committee. Most likely, this alleged petition effort was really some early electioneering on the part of one of the dissidents."

All enrolled tribal members should complete the form on page 3 and return it to the tribe as soon as possible. HowNiKan readers are also asked to watch lists appearing in the few issues of older tribal members who whom there is no current information. Many may be deceased, and Tribal Rolls should be notified if that is the case. If they are not deceased, current addresses as well as Social Security numbers should be sent in. Anyone whose name has changed in the past few years must also have updated information put in the computer.

Only those tribal members who die after the Burial Insurance Fund goes into effect and who have up-to-date information on file will be entitled to the funds.

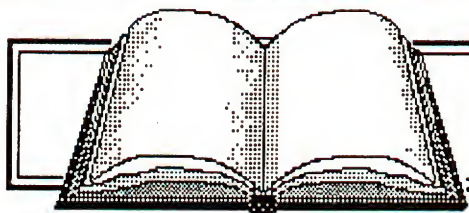
## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It's 1995, a new year and a new beginning. This is the time of year when we set aside time to make New Year's Resolutions, resolutions to either change a few habits or to set our sights on new dreams. As we begin this new year, remember the good that took place in 1994 and help others to accept disappointments that may have occurred too. Make 1995 your year to "make a difference."

The word resolution is defined as determination, a decision or an act of resolving. Resolve to make 1995 the best year ever for yourself, your family and your community. And remember, to have a friend is to be one!

"Thought for Today" is provided by Steve Kime, tribal member, author and professional speaker from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.





## For the record...

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING — AUGUST 25, 1994

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert, Tribal Museum and Gift Shop Director Esther Lowden, Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell, Wayne Trotter representing the HowNiKan, JTPA Director Norman Kiker, Ardena Angelo, guests and tribal members Ruby Withrow, Carol Roberts, Mildred Flynn, Johnny P. Flynn, Dana Scheuerman, Rita Oravetz, Rena Belcher, Dean V. Nadeau, Dorothy M. Peavey, Kenneth K. Kinslow, Sr., Frances Lackey, Thelma Wano Bateman, Stacey Smith, Barbara Brown, Roger Lackey, Leon and Veta Bruno, Sally Bruno Roberts and Tim Lowery representing Sacred Heart Historical Society. Absent: Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis, Committeeman Jerry P. Motley.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

The above listed group of Tribal members and guests came to voice their concerns about the negotiations that were conducted with the Chickasaw Tribe relative to the submission of a Resolution endorsing the Chickasaw Tribe's contracting the Carl Albert Indian Health Services Facility located at Ada. The Tribe had withheld their Resolution requesting in return a Resolution from the Chickasaw Tribe giving assurances that the Potawatomi and other Indians would not have reduced services in the future. The overwhelming majority of those in attendance felt that the Resolution should have been submitted without those assurances.

Linda Capps moved to select Esther Lowden to assemble a Pow Wow Organizing committee and to report back to the Business Committee on the operations of the Pow Wow for next year; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent.

Chairman Barrett signed the May 31, 1994 previously approved phone conference Business Committee Meeting minutes.

Hilton Melot moved to approve the Business Committee Meeting Minutes of May 31, 1994; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve the minutes of the Special Business Committee Meeting held on July 29, 1994; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve with one correction the minutes of the Special Business Committee Meeting held on August 9, 1994; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Business Committee recessed at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-5 requesting the Secretary of the Interior to convert Title to Lots 1 thru 7, Block 4, original Townsite of Tecumseh, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma, from Fee Simple to Trust Status and authorizing the Tribal Chairman and/or Secretary/Treasurer to execute a Deed and other pertinent documents for conversion of Title to Trust Status; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Discussion was held with Johnny Flynn about the possibility of a program of instruction at the Tribal Headquarters in Native Religions, not specifically endorsing any particular kind of Native Religion.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #95-8 in support of Stephen Selkirk who is fasting because of an incident that happened at the University of Oklahoma.

Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Tim Lowery invited the Business Committee to the Kateri Tekakwitha 4th Annual Honor Dance to be held at Sacred Heart Mission on September 18, 1994.

Hilton Melot moved to approve a \$400.00 contribution for the Kateri Tekakwitha Honor Dance and a Crown for the Pow Wow Princess from the Tribal Museum and Gift Shop; John Barrett seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #95-7 approving the enrollment of 12 applicants eligible for enrollment under previous guidelines; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-9 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #95-10 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #95-11 enrolling 24 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-12 enrolling 24 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #95-13 enrolling 26 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-14 enrolling 24 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-15 enrolling 12 descendency applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #95-16 denying the enrollment of Carol Kay Lawton Nutter due to lack of proper documentation; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #95-17 denying the enrollment of Mary Kathryn Charlton Warnke due to the lack of proper documentation; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #95-18 pertaining to the relinquishment of Adelle Marie Austin Michals; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve the purchase of a new Vent-A-Hood for the Fire Lake Restaurant; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Ordinance #95-19, "Citizen Band Potawatomi Fuel Tax Act of 1994"; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent. A recent court decision has held that the fuel taxes levied by the State of Oklahoma cannot apply to sales of fuel to Indian tribes in Indian country. The purpose of this Act is to stabilize the price of gas sold by the Potawatomi in the event that the judicial decision becomes effective and the Oklahoma fuel tax burden on sales to the tribe is removed.

Hilton Melot moved to adjourn Business Committee meeting; Linda Capps seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

## Tribal member named Wichita Teacher of the Year

The National Education Association of Wichita recently announced that the 1994 Teacher of the Year was tribal member Kerri Renee Scovell, a fifth grade teacher at Bryant Elementary.

Scovell has taught first, third, and fifth grade since graduating from Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas in 1981. While in school at Winfield, she taught preschool handicapped. At this time, Kerri is working on her master's

degree through Kansas State University and Wichita State University. She has taught in her current position for the past four years.

Scovell has served the students of Wichita in many capacities besides that of a teacher. She has been active in her church, girl scouts, and the YMCA and is active professionally. She served on the Wichita District criteria committee for the Social Studies adoption, beginning of year inservice committee, and the

Science assessment Grading/Scoring Committee. Kerri participated in the district's Substance Abuse/Violence Prevention training and trained the Bryant staff. At Bryant, Scovell has served as the computer resource person, Minority/Cultural Awareness Committee, and the Social Committee.

On the NEA-Wichita Teacher of the Year nomination form, Scovell was described by her nominator as one who "encourages each child to

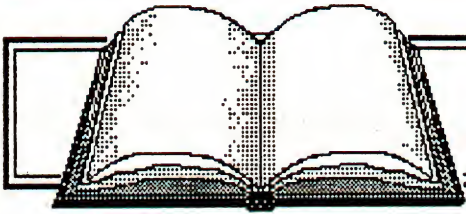
recognize his/her individual strengths and weaknesses. She then counsels and guides them in ways to build on their strengths and encourages them not to be defeated by their weaknesses."

Scovell said that "the challenge of opening channels for children to better understand themselves and the various roles they play in society, and how they can contribute to the world, is one of the greatest challenges a teacher can face." She also

stressed that "it takes many participants to help a child achieve success, and it is only through working as a team that we will achieve our goal of graduating students with a love of learning, a positive self-image, and a never-ending quest for knowledge."

Scovell is the daughter of Alice M. Hall, granddaughter of Abbie Mann Stigall and the great-granddaughter of Joseph L. Mann and Louise Fuller Mann.





## For the record...

# New enrollees approved for tribal membership

*The following new enrollees were enrolled under previous guidelines:*

Boyd, Linda Ruth Wyle  
Bruno, Larry Don  
Bush, Rosetta Arlene Nave  
Clift, Robert Eugene Jr.  
Hale, Karen Ann Slippey  
Lell, Debora Jean  
Polansky, Joseph Andrew  
Ribet, Deanna Cynthia Wick  
Schwartz, Edith Gwendolyn Watts  
Smith, Linda Kay  
Smith, Sharon Elaine  
Stanford, Catherine Louise Wyle  
Town, Cherie Lee Mathes  
Wick, Chester Raymond  
Wick, Curtis Elton  
Wick, Eloise June Butler  
Wick, Tina Marie  
Winsor, Barbara Kay  
Winsor, Brian Joseph  
Winsor, Christine Ann  
Winsor, Craig Lee  
Winsor, Jason Lloyd  
Winsor, Jenny Lynn Bruno  
Winsor, Scott Frederick  
Young, Karen Diane Swinehart

*The following new enrollees were enrolled under descendancy:*

Abbott, Cassie Michelle  
Abbott, Coleman Paul  
Abbott, Elizabeth Vera Ketner  
Anderson, Robert Thomas Eddie  
Anderson, Shawn Michael  
Anderson, Shellie Renea  
Arrington, Amber Jean  
Arrington, Robert Lee Martin  
Ayres, Deborah Ann  
Bartkus, Elizabeth Anne  
Batye, Mary Ruth Spalding  
Bazhaw, Charles Franklin II  
Blankenship, Gina Beth Billingsley  
Bowman, Scotty Calkins  
Bruner, Chrystina Dawn Gill  
Bruner, Meagan Beth

Bruning, Tara Michelle  
Bruning, Tiffany Amber  
Bruning, Tracie Kay Womack  
Bulihur, Courtney Anne  
Burnett, Robert Dayn  
Burton, Stephen Currie  
Cargill, John Edward II  
Carrell, Daniel Justin  
Carrell, Kevin Allen  
Carroll, Amy Elizabeth  
Carroll, David Christopher  
Cartwright, Chad Allen  
Cartwright, Ryan Patrick  
Castaneda, Marth-Laura Diaz  
Clay, Ashlie Nicole  
Clay, Starla Ann Duke  
Clay, Whitney Dawn  
Clift, Adam Jay  
Clift, Ami Jo  
Clift, Timothy Luther  
Cole, Laura Helen Turley  
Comer, Jeffery Michael  
Comer, Nicholas Adam  
Connor, Gregory John  
Cooper, Ashley Nicole  
Coulter, Travis Michael Schroepfer  
Cranfield, Wade Lee Dean  
Damato, Kelly Lynn  
Dilley, Lacey Kaylynn Danielle  
Downin, David Victor  
Dunn, Michael Joseph  
Epperson, Boone Lee  
Fink, Daryl Thomas  
Fink, Doyle Thomas  
Fortner, Michael Dale  
Foughty, Austin Blake  
Fox, Danny John  
Fox, Garrett Anderson  
Frazier, Christopher Herbert III  
Gaddy, Shelby Pauline  
Gampper, Mark Alan  
Gann, Violet Patricia  
Garcia, Randall Gabriel  
Garver, Christopher Wayne  
Garver, Lewis Quentin  
Gill, Crystal Michelle  
Gill, James Arthur

Good, Christopher Seth Daniel  
Good, Megan Ashley  
Goodgion, Aaron Michael  
Gordon, Heidi Marie Graham  
Grady, Dezi-rae  
Grady, Erika Dawn  
Grady, Rhoda Roxeene Rhodd  
Graft, Cody Spencer  
Greeson, Karri Jane  
Greeson, Tad William  
Gregson, Christine Renee  
Gregson, Douglas Allen  
Groves, Shelby Lynn  
Guebert, Derek Sean  
Guebert, Kyle Forrest  
Guercio, Gary Eric  
Gulihur, Benjamin Hart  
Haas, Anglea Lee  
Hamilton, George Landon  
Hanna, Amy Jean  
Harrell, Ryan Duane  
Harrell, Travis Gene  
Harris, Reed Patrick  
Harrison, Jason Lee  
Heilsberg, Jessica Rachelle  
Hogan, Amber D'Lynn  
Hogan, Devin Shayne  
Hogan, Michayne Margaret  
Campbell  
Holcomb, Amber Nicole  
Holcomb, Cheryl Leigh Phelps  
Holcomb, Christopher Ryan  
Horner, Jessica Marie  
Houser, Vaughn Violet  
Huffman, Angele Renee  
Huffman, Sondra G.  
Huffman, Traci Nicole  
Huntington, Dylan Nicole  
Huntington, Velana Annemarie  
Greenmore Gerding  
Jackson, Danni Jo  
Jackson, Destiny LaDawn  
Jackson, Kenneth Raymond  
Jenkins, Beau Clifton  
Jones, Cody Dillon  
Jones, Dustin Ryan

Jones, Taylor Lauren  
Joyner, Steven Ray  
Joyner, Thomas Wayne  
Judd, Sara Chloe  
Kelly, Robin Renee Hubble  
Krueger, Elizabeth Lynn Young  
Laird, Bridget Ellen  
Laird, Christine Rainbeau  
Laird, Suzanne Colleen  
Larid, Gent Bradley  
Lauderdale, Brantley Trey  
Lauderdale, Marshall Shawn  
Leyendecker, Joseph-Lee  
Major, Karla Denise  
Mann, Kayla Nicole  
Marler, Kimberly Kay Anderson  
Martin, Andrew Ira  
Mize, Brandon Dale  
Mize, Brian Dale  
Mize, Jeremy Patrick  
Mize, Michael Joseph  
Moble, Justin Lane  
Morris, Zachary Michael  
Mosteller, Crystal Yvonne  
Mosteller, Kelli Jean  
Mulanax, Angela Lynn  
Mulanax, Tina Joann  
Mulvaney, Tricia Marie  
Nickell, Jesse Louis IV  
Nickell, Oliver Tree  
Northcross, Justin Ray  
Northcross, Robert Lee Wane  
O'Gullihur, Jason Douglass  
Ochoa, Anna Marie  
Ochoa, Christine Louise  
Ochoa, Edward David  
Penner, Brittany Ann  
Perry, Jonelle Renae  
Polansky, Naomi Anne  
Polansky, Nicholas Joseph  
Prewett, Tahnee Nicole  
Reifschneider, Tonya Lee  
Rempe, Laura Lee  
Resnik, Kailey Danielle  
Rhodd, Rickey Lee Jr.  
Rhodd, Sierra Kay

Rhodd, Steven Brandon  
Rhodd, Zachary Alexander  
Risinger, Gary Wayne  
Roberts, Heather Danielle  
Robinson, Logan Dale  
Roelofs, Dawn Judith  
Savage, Garrett Clay  
Scott, Carie Joye  
Scott, Georgann  
Scott, Jennifer Lynn  
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Shults, Jennifer Leigh Young  
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Smith, Miranda Jean  
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Wade, William Eric  
Waite, Cassia Lynn  
Whealon, Christopher M.  
Whealon, Kenyon Khristann  
Wick, Deborah Ann  
Wick, Rebekah Sue  
Wiles, Robert Kurtis Ray  
Wilkins, Mathaniel Tre  
Wise, Bret David  
Wise, Leslie Dawn  
Yates, Craig Allan  
Yeager, Jennifer Lee

## Students should apply soon for federal financial aid for Fall 1995

### NOTICE TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS:

If you are planning to attend college after high school, now is the time to begin gathering information and completing applications for the fall 1995 semester. The "Free Application For Federal Student Aid" will be available from the financial aid office at your college. Apply as soon as possible after January 3, 1995, for federal student aid. Applications for state aid, grants, and scholarships should also be completed as soon as you can. Filing late or missing a dead-

line means you could lose out on student aid.

"The Student Guide - Financial Aid From the U.S. Department of Education" for the 1995-96 school year should be available from the high school counselor or from the financial aid office at the college you are planning to attend. This booklet is free and explains federal student aid including eligibility, financial need, dependency status, the application process, grants, work-study, and loans. If your school does not have the guide available you can write and request one from the Federal

Student Aid Information Center, P.O. Box 84, Washington, D.C. 20044 or call 1-800-4-FEDAID (1-800-433-3243).

The "Annual College Guide for American Indians" published by AISES Publishing, Inc. of Boulder, Colorado, which is associated with the American Indian Science & Engineering Society, provides information and data specifically tailored for a Native American students and their families. This publication contains profiles of Native American college students who speak about their higher educational experiences, highlights eight schools

having exceptional programs for Indian students, lists summer programs, scholarships and other sources of financial aid and a list of 31 tribal colleges. The facts and figures on 200 colleges and universities contains general, admissions, and financial information in addition to financial, academic, and support organizations for Native American students. The basics about paying for college are explained in the articles on financial aid. Send \$5, check or money order, to AISES, 1630 30th Street, Suite 301, Boulder, CO 80301.



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## Chairman reflects on 1994, new year's opportunities

Bourzho Nicon,  
(Hello, my friends)

I hope all of you have a joyous holiday season. Once again, this is the season to share the real wealth each of us has — our heritage. Be sure that you spend some time with the old and wise in your family, and record it if you can. These stories are a form of immortality for our people. If you are an elder, open up your hearts and memories to your family.

You will find that having another of your age group with you for a family story-telling session will help you recollect some "new" old stories. Perhaps going through the family photos will give the young in your family a new perspective on your life. Be sure to put down what you can on the back of the photo to help things along as well. The gift of these memories and stories will last long after any material gift is worn out and gone. So please, all of you, use the time you have left with your elders well — they will love it and so will you.

The new Burial Fund is going to start up as soon as we get at least 75 percent of all tribal members signed up. We will create a board of advisors as soon as the fund starts to supervise the payment of benefits. For those of you who are past members of the Business Committee, I am sure you are glad to see this program we have been discussing so long finally begin.

I even remember the discussion of this benefit when "10 percent set-aside" priorities were discussed in the 60s for the first payment from the U.S. Claims Com-



### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By John A. Barrett Jr.

mission, since several other tribes in Oklahoma chose to establish a burial fund. As some of you may recall, the Federal Government required 10 percent of the claim against the government for the lands we lost in Kansas and Indiana be "set aside" for continuing benefits for tribal members. The Citizen Potawatomi chose to use the money for scholarships, eye glasses, false teeth and hearing aids. This fund continues for those members born before 1961.

For those of you who wish to contribute to the Burial Fund as a tax deduction, the Tribe is qualified as a "Section 501-3c" entity that can receive tax deductible charitable contributions. If you wish to receive advice on estate contributions we will put you with tribal accountants to get the details.

Politics is starting early this year, but unfortunately with an ugly little twist. At the last Phoenix Regional several of the members who attended received one of the infamous old "anonymous letters" before the meeting. My guess is that it came from the same old bunch that used to send them

out. Once again, if it isn't signed, ask yourself why not. For those of you who received something like this and do not want to get it again, please recall that there is an election statute on the books that prohibits this kind of activity.

If you receive something that you believe is slander or libel, please send it to the Tribal Attorney General, Mr. David McCollough, and he will determine if it requires prosecution. You can also pursue a remedy by means of a civil suit in Tribal Court if you wish. That is what I did the last time I was slandered. All members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma are subject to the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court, regardless of their place of residence.

I appreciate all of the efforts of our Tribal employees, at the Tribal office, Fire Lake Restaurant, Fire Lake Golf Course, the Tribal Museum and Gift Shop, Fire Lake Bingo, Potawatomi Tribal Store

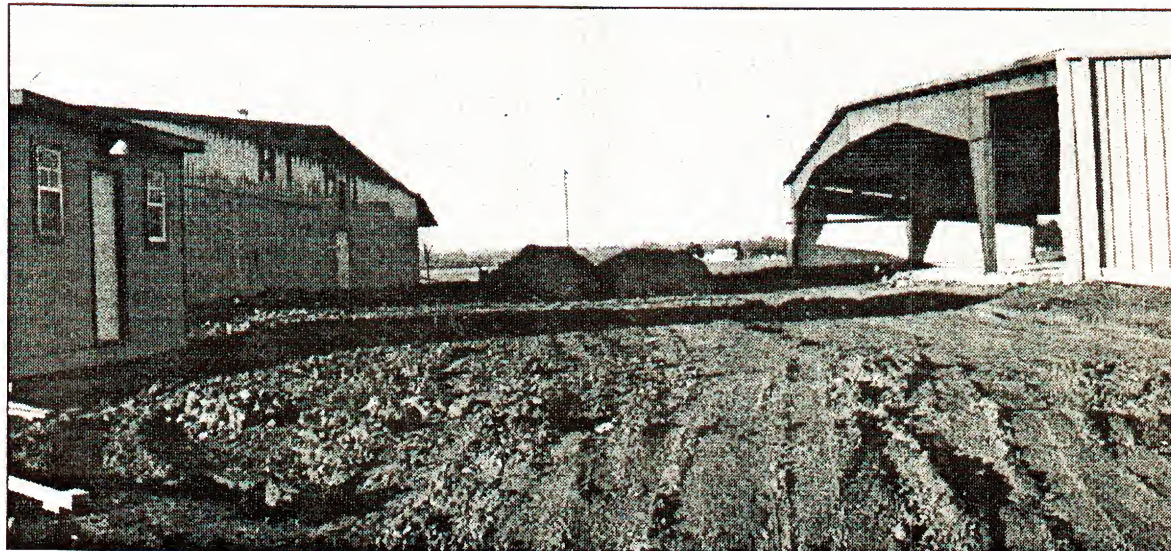
and First Oklahoma Bank for making this one of the most successful years we have ever had for tribal business. Your efforts have provided the revenues to begin the delivery of services dreamed of for so long by several generations of elected officials. Thanks for a job well done! If any of you get the chance to personally thank these folks, it would be a nice holiday gesture.

From my family to yours, I hope you had a Merry Christmas and will have an even better New Year!

Megwetch,

*John Barrett*

John Barrett



### Bowling Alley Work Begins

Work has already begun on the tribe's new bowling alley, adjacent to the bingo hall. The facility should be completed in the early spring.